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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/987,309	NOMURA ET AL. <i>CH</i>	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 17 February 2004.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
 c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 19,33 and 37.

Identification of prior art discussed: US 4,521,237; US 5,687,542 and US 5,597,530.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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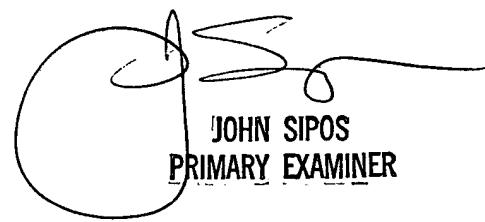
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With respect to claim 19, applicant contends that there is no recognition that annealing creates a clean glass syringe barrel in the applied references, therefore requiring sterilization.

With respect to claim 33 and 37, applicant contends that air cleaning is an affirmative step of cleaning the contaminates off the syringe barrel such as air-washing known in the art (US 5,597,530).

The examiners do not agree but will consider applicant's remark.



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PRIMARY EXAMINER